

## CELEBRATING THE GOOD HOUND

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Pride Month by recognizing an LGBTQ-owned local business, The Good Hound.

The Good Hound offers off-leash hikes, pet sitting, training, and socialization in my hometown of Newton. I first met owner Shannon Wood when my dog, Donut, joined the group of dogs he helps take care of every day. Every June, we look forward to seeing Donut and all her friends sport pride bandanas as they join Haley for jaunts around our neighborhood.

Pride Month is a time to celebrate the LGBTQ individuals we all know and love who are crucial parts of our communities, economy, and families. Congress must stand up and support small, LGBTQ-owned businesses across the country that serve our constituents every day. My family and Newton as a whole are better for the dedication, cheer, and openness Shannon brings to The Good Hound.

## INFLATION

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I want to give a story to my good friends in the press corps because they always feel they have a shortage of interesting things in the paper. This concerns the excessive inflation we have under the current administration.

The current administration claims that inflation last year was 8.6 percent. I am going to focus on two different parts of that, one is 5.5 percent for housing and 16.1 percent for used cars.

I ask the press corps to call some local builders or builders anywhere around the country—builders, landlords, and assessors—and see if you can find anybody who thinks the cost of housing has only gone up by 5.5 percent in the past year. My goodness, the cost of interest by itself has almost doubled in that time. The cost of many parts of a house has gone up. There is no way that it is only 5.5 percent. I think if you look around and ask builders and Realtors, they will laugh at that number.

I would also ask you to call some car dealers around the country and see what they think about the idea that used cars have gone up 16.1 percent in the last year. They, as well, laugh at that. The number has to be significantly higher.

So there is a gift to my friends in the news business.

## CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, my family and I have celebrated

Juneteenth for decades, but this year marks only the second year that Juneteenth will be observed as a Federal holiday.

Some may wonder what is the significance of this day and why is national recognition long overdue and notable?

It matters, because as we celebrate Juneteenth—the emancipation of my enslaved ancestors—it is a truth-telling reminder of our Nation's history and founding, but also of what is possible.

When enslaved Black people and allies began the work of abolition, many considered the goal of freedom an improbable or impossible one, but because of their imaginations and sacrifice it did happen.

While we recognize that our fight for equity and justice continues today, on this day, we celebrate the Black family, our culture, our melanin, our resilience, our brilliance, and our joy. We affirm our humanity. We are more than hashtags, sobering statistics, deficits, disparities, and gaps. We are more than our labor, the resistance, and justice-seekers.

From the heart of Texas to kitchen tables in Roxbury, we celebrate the dedicated coalition of Black folks who organize to make this celebration a Federal holiday.

Black lives matter. Black healing matters. Black joy matters. Happy Juneteenth.

## HONORING JEFFREY SHERWIN

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin of the city of Northlake, Illinois for 25 years of service to that city.

Mayor Sherwin, a lifelong resident of Northlake and Leyden Eagle, has dedicated his life to public service.

Prior to becoming mayor in 1997, he served as trustee for Northlake Public Library and Northlake Fire Protection District.

As mayor, he has worked tirelessly to transform the community by putting education, housing, infrastructure, and protecting the environment at the forefront of his effort.

Mayor Sherwin built senior housing, established many new green and recreational spaces, and restored wetlands.

In celebration of 25 years of service, today, we thank Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin for his career of service.

## HELP FEED OUR KIDS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. OMAR) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, we are on the brink of a hunger crisis, both here in the United States and around the globe. Right now, more than 38 million people, including 12 million children, are food insecure in the United States.

Food prices are expected to rise up to 7.5 percent this year, stretching already tight family budgets.

In my home State of Minnesota, dozens of hunger relief organizations are warning of the hungriest summer on record if the State doesn't convene a special session to combat hunger.

At the beginning of the pandemic, I passed the MEALS Act to let districts provide universal meals in the hope of preventing a massive hunger crisis. It worked. Over 30 million kids are now estimated to receive school meals.

In August 2020, when the waivers were on the verge of expiring, Representative PINGREE and I joined 119 of our colleagues in sending a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture urging him to extend the school meal waivers.

Throughout the pandemic, I sent three letters and worked tirelessly to ensure every child can eat. Though we were able to secure these critical waiver extensions, the uncertainty cost millions of families and school administrators to panic and stress.

Now, we find ourselves in a familiar place where at the end of this month—in just 15 days—millions of children are again at risk of going hungry as the school meal waivers are set to expire.

Let me be clear: We cannot let these lifesaving waivers lapse as the pandemic rages on. I am working with the Education and Labor Committee and leadership to ensure that our children are continuing to be fed.

But we can't stop there. We need permanent solutions. As a former community nutrition educator, childhood hunger is an issue I know all too well. That is why one of the first bills I introduced after I was sworn in was the Universal School Meals Program Act with Senators Sanders and Gillibrand.

My bill would provide free breakfast, lunch, and dinner to every student and eliminate school meal debt. No child in the wealthiest country in the world should experience food insecurity. We here in the United States must lead to end child hunger here at home and we must continue to lead to stop this global hunger crisis.

Every night up to 811 million people around the globe go to bed hungry. Of the 811 million, 276 million people are facing acute food insecurity and about 50 million people are facing what the U.N. World Food Programme describes as "emergency levels of hunger."

While the United States has provided \$2.6 billion to help other countries with